

of the Interior is authorized and directed to issue a patent to Richard C. French, Lewis M. French, and Ruth French Hershey, of Claiborne County, Mississippi, subject to the conditions provided for in section 2 of this Act, conveying all right, title, and interest of the United States, including mineral rights, in and to the following-described tracts of land situate in the State of Mississippi: Lots 1, 3, and 4 of section 22, township 11 north, range 1 east, Washington meridian, Mississippi, as shown by supplemental plat accepted June 16, 1955.

SEC. 2. The tracts of land authorized to be transferred by the first section of this Act shall be conveyed upon the payment of the said Richard C. French, Lewis M. French, and Ruth French Hershey of the appraised value of the lands as determined by the Secretary of the Interior, but not less than \$1.25 per acre, if payment is made within one year after the Secretary has notified the said Richard C. French, Lewis M. French, and Ruth French Hershey of the appraised price of the lands. The appraised price shall not include any increased value resulting from the development or improvement of the lands by the applicants or their predecessors in interest, but the Secretary shall consider and give full effect to all of the equities of the applicants.

Approved July 11, 1956.

Private Law 766

CHAPTER 587

AN ACT

To relinquish any right, title, and interest which the United States may have in and to certain land located in Forrest County, Mississippi, in order to clear the title to such land.

July 11, 1956
[H. R. 11558]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the United States hereby declares that it has no right, title, and interest in and to the lands described in the patent which was issued to Newton D. Smith on October 31, 1906, and a copy of which is filed in the office of the United States Bureau of Land Management in volume 332 of the record of Mississippi patents, page 320: *Provided*, That this disclaimer is only applicable to any right, title, and interest arising out of the circumstances attendant upon the issuance of the aforesaid patent.

Newton D. Smith.

Approved July 11, 1956.

Private Law 767

CHAPTER 609

AN ACT

Conferring jurisdiction upon the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico, to hear, determine, and render judgment upon certain claims arising as a result of the construction by the United States of Elephant Butte Dam on the Rio Grande.

July 14, 1956
[S. 220]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, notwithstanding any statute of limitations or lapse of time or any limitation upon the jurisdiction of the United States district courts to hear, determine, and render judgment on claims against the United States, jurisdiction is hereby conferred upon the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico to hear, determine, and render judgment upon the claims of Max T. Martinez, Antonio Gonzales, Epigmenio Ramirez, Triunfo Silva, Felix Vallejos, Octaviano Trujeque, Margarite Torres y Gallegos, Eugenio Torres, Emileo Torres, Benito Silva, Juan Saave-

Max T. Martinez
and others.